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[on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/46/690)]

46/58. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3499 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, by which it established the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, and its relevant resolutions adopted at subsequent sessions, 1/

Bearing in mind the reports of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh, 2/ thirty-ninth, 3/ fortieth, 4/ forty-first, 5/

1/ Resolutions 31/28 of 29 November 1976, 32/45 of 8 December 1977, 33/94 of 16 December 1978, 34/147 of 17 December 1979, 35/164 of 15 December 1980, 36/122 of 11 December 1981, 37/114 of 16 December 1982, 38/141 of 19 December 1983, 39/88 of 13 December 1984, 40/78 of 11 December 1985, 41/83 of 3 December 1986, 42/157 of 7 December 1987, 43/170 of 9 December 1988, 44/37 of 4 December 1989 and 45/44 of 28 November 1990.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/37/1).

3/ Ibid., Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/39/1).

4/ Ibid., Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/40/1).

5/ Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/41/1).

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forty-second, 6/ forty-third, 7/ forty-fourth, 8/ forty-fifth 9/ and forty-sixth 10/ sessions, as well as the views and comments expressed on them by Member States,

Having considered the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization on the work of its session held in 1991, 11/

Expressing its satisfaction at the completion of the work on the draft Declaration on Fact-finding by the United Nations in the Field of the Maintenance of International Peace and Security, 12/

Mindful of the desirability of further work being done by the Special Committee in the fields of the maintenance of international peace and security and the peaceful settlement of disputes between States,

Bearing in mind various proposals presented to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session aimed at strengthening the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness,

1. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization; 11/

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the completion of the Handbook on the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States 13/ and requests him to publish and disseminate it widely in all the official languages of the United Nations;

3. Decides that the Special Committee will hold its next session from 3 to 21 February 1992;

6/ Ibid., Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/42/1).

7/ Ibid., Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/43/1).

8/ Ibid., Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/44/1).

9/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/45/1).

10/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/46/1).

11/ Ibid., Supplement No. 33 and corrigendum (A/46/33 and Corr.1).

12/ See resolution 46/59, annex.

13/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 33 and corrigendum (A/46/33 and Corr.1), annex.

4. Requests the Special Committee, at its session in 1992, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 below:

(a) To accord priority to the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations and, in this context, to consider the proposal on the enhancement of cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations, as well as other specific proposals relating to the maintenance of international peace and security which might be submitted to the Special Committee at its session in 1992;

(b) To continue its work on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States and, in this context:

(i) To consider the proposal on United Nations rules for the conciliation of disputes between States;

(ii) To consider other specific proposals relating to the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States that might be submitted to the Special Committee at its session in 1992;

(c) To consider various proposals with the aim of strengthening the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness;

5. Also requests the Special Committee to be mindful of the importance of reaching general agreement whenever that has significance for the outcome of its work;

6. Decides that the Special Committee shall accept the participation of observers of Member States in its meetings, including those of its working group;

7. Requests the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization".

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